(class XI-XII) is free in Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Besides, education at this stage is also free for girls in Madhya Pradesh and Manipur, according to the available information as on 1st January 1985. With effect from 1985-86 (April), a new Centrally sponsored Scheme was started under which the tuition fees charged from girls in classes IX——XII in Govt.|Govt. aided|Local. Body Schools is being reimbursed to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations by this Ministry.

(b) to (d) The National Policy on Education, 1986 states that, "It shall be ensured that all children who attain the age of about 11 years (classes-I—V) by 1990 will have had five years of choosing or its equivalent through the non-formal stream. Likewise, by 1995 all children will be provided free and compulsory education upto 14 years of age." The implementation of the Constitutional directive is a continuous process undertaken by all State Governments and Union Territories. All the States and UTs have accepted this goal and are endeavouring to achieve it. However, progress to different degrees has been achieved in different States|UTs.

बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के आन्दोलनकारी छात्रों की मांग

297. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के आन्दोलनकारी छात्रों की क्या मांगे हैं ; और

(ख) उनकी मांगों को पूरा करने तथा छात्र आन्दोलन को समाप्त करने के लिये सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के आन्दोलनकर्त्ता छात्रों की मुख्य मांगें इस प्रकार हैं :

1. छात्र संघ का चुनाव तत्काल किया जाना चाहिए ;
2. छात्र संघ के संविधान में कोई महत्वपूर्ण परिवर्तन नहीं होना चाहिए ;
3. नयी प्रवेश नीति को समाप्त किया जाना चाहिए ; और
4. कुलपति को हटाया जाना चाहिए ।

(ख) कुलपति ने घोषणा की है कि छात्र संघ का चुनाव मई 1987 में होगा । विश्वविद्यालय ने छात्र संघ के संविधान में संशोधन के संबंध में सुझाव देने के लिए एक समिति नियुक्त की है । नयी प्रवेश नीति राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा नीति-1986 के अनुरूप है । कुलपति को हटाने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Setting up of parallel communications net work in the joint sector

298. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a parallel communications network to be managed in the joint sector with a view to giving instant and trouble free service to subscribers;

(b) what is the number of cmpanies in public and private sectors which have indicated their willingness to subscribe and the amount they are prepared to charge from Government for eadh connection;

(c) what is the total number of connections to be provided under the 'network' scheme;

(d) what is the total expenditure to be incurred by Government on the system; and

(e) what is the justification of having such a system at the cost of the service available to the ordinary subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Inter Agency Working Group which